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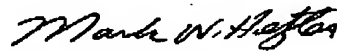
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Applicant(s)

George J. Franks JR., Inverness, IL;

Assignment For Published Patent Application

SENIOR INDUSTRIES, INC.;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/365,293 02/12/2003

Foreign Applications

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Title

Methods and apparatus to secure a ground strap assembly to an electrically conductive member

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of pending prior application number 10/365,293, filed on February 12, 2003 by
inventor(s) George J. FRANKS, Jr. entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS TO SECURE
GROUND STRAP ASSEMBLY TO AN ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE MEMBER.

Prior application information: Examiner Dhirubhai R. Patel Art Unit 2831.

1. ☐ This is a continuation or divisional application. Enclosed is a copy of the prior
application as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and oath or
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- ☒ Enclosed is a patent application (for continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part
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☒ 21 pages of the specification (including claims).

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2. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: —This is a
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4. ☒ Inventorship:
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- _____
- _____
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5. ☒ An Assignment of the Invention to SENIOR INDUSTRIES, INC. and cover sheet are enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for recording the assignment is enclosed.
- ☒ The Recordation Form Cover Sheet includes authorization to charge our Deposit Account for recording the assignment.
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to SENIOR INDUSTRIES, INC.
7. ☐ A 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) statement is enclosed where an assignee seeks to take action.
8. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
9. ☒ Drawings:
- ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May be used only if signed by person authorized by §1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)

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- ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
10. ☒ A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.
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- ☐ A Form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO/SB/08 are enclosed.
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- ☐ A Transmittal Cover Letter for Computer Program Listing Appendix is enclosed.
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15. ☐ Priority of application number _____ filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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 and other members of the firm.

☐ Customer Number 22242.

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17. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)18. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

Fee Calculation for Claims as Filed in the Prior Application.
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Basic Utility Fee		\$770.00	\$	770.00
Independent Claims	<u>4</u> - <u>3</u> = <u>1</u>	x \$ 86.00	= \$	86.00
Total Claims	<u>39</u> - <u>20</u> = <u>19</u>	x \$ 18.00	= \$	342.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims		\$290.00	\$	0.00

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Basic Design Fee	\$340.00
Total Filing Fee	\$ 1,198.00

☒ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), reducing the Filing Fee by half to: \$ 599.00

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23. ☐ Also enclosed:
24. ☒ Address all future communications to CUSTOMER NUMBER 22242.

November 14, 2003

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